

REMARKS

Claim Status

Currently, claims 1-11 are present. Claims 1-6 and 8 have been cancelled. Claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 8. No new matter has been added. Appropriate consideration of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

In paragraph 3, the Examiner rejected claim 7 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Krenz. In paragraph 4, the Examiner indicated that claims 8-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants note this with appreciation. Claim 8 has been cancelled and incorporated into claim 7. Accordingly, the claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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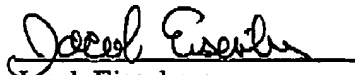
CONCLUSION

The present response is intended to correspond with the Revised Amendment Format. Applicants understand that with the Revised Amendment Format, the provisions of 37 CFR §1.121 are waived. Should any part of the present response not be in full compliance with the requirements of the Revised Amendment Format, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned for immediate correction.

No new matter has been added by way of the aforementioned amendments.

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